REVENUE (1945) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - Liquor - Issue of licences to Clubs - Proposals. - G.O.Recorded.

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Please send a reminder to all clubs to whom we have given licence that Government is likely to withdraw the concession.

Sd.S.G.
4-12-48.

To A.S.

Please see the extract from the minutes of H.M.(F.D) above.

2. In September 1948, H.M.(F.D.) ordered that no clubs would be allowed to sell drinks and that there should be no chance given for the few odd drinks in clubs to the members. The Board was asked not to grant licences to non proprietory clubs for issue of liquor to members pending further orders of the Government in the matter. Thereupon the members of the European community (M.L.As) and a delegation of representatives of the clubs met Secretary and H.M.(F.D) respectively and as a result of the clubs promised to draw up a scheme by which clubs may be licensed to issue liquor to members who hold permits subject to the condition that the total quantity of liquor consumed in the club as well as his home by a single member did not exceed the maximum prescribed in the individual's permit. In that connection the representatives were informed that the policy of the Government at present was to reduce the quantity of liquor allowed gradually to all licensees over the next 5 years and at the end of that period to stop issue of licences altogether. The discussions held at the Meeting the representatives of the

3. The scheme drawn up by the representatives of the clubs was referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks and was finally approved in G.O.Ms.2646 Revenue dated 9-11-48. It was ordered for administrative convenience that the scheme should come into force with effect from 1-1-1949.

4. In the meantime, temporary licences were issued to the following clubs subject to the condition that the licences were liable to be cancelled or modified when the scheme referred to above was finalised:-

1. The Gymkhana club, Madras.
2. The Yacht club, Madras.
3. The Rowing club, Madras.
4. The Cricket club, Madras.
5. The Carnbuck club, Madras.
6. The Malabar Club, ~~Madras~~. Malabar
7. The Cochin Club, Cochin.
8. The North Wynad Club, North Wynad, Malabar.
9. The Cannanore Club, Cannanore.
10. The Tellicherry Club, Tellichery.
11. The English Club, Coimbatore.
12. The English Club, Kodaikanal.
13. The Bimlipatam Club, Vizagapatam.
14. The Waltair club, Waltair.
15. The Yorke Club, Nellikuppam, South Arcot.
16. The Madras Race Club, Madras.
17. The Burmah Sheel Officers Messes, Madras.

certain licences had already been issued before the orders of Hon'ble Minister mentioned at A on page 6 ante were passed.

5. Recently the Government of India wanted information about the measures adopted by Provincial Governments in regard the consumption of liquor by U.K.citizens so that they may put forward concrete suggestions so as to have uniformity in such matters among the Provinces in India. The Government of India have been furnished with full details of the arrangements now in existence and in that connection a copy of the orders issued regarding the grant of licences to clubs has been communicated to that Government.

6. The licences referred to in para 4 on page 7 ante will be modified when the revised scheme comes into force on 1-1-1949 The file may be recirculated to Hon'ble Minister (F.D) for orders

whether the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.2636 Revenue dated 9-11-48 may stand especially in view of the facts stated at 'A' on page 7 ante and para 5 above. For orders.

Sd...
14-12-48.

Hon'ble Ministers intention presumably was that the clubs should be informed that on the expiry of the licences now granted to them for the possession and supply of liquor to their members who hold permits, the licences were not likely to be renewed. Attention is invited in this connection to the letter at page 1 c.f.(Glag 'R') from the Government of India, Although the Provincial Government are entitled to follow their own policy in regard to this matter, yet in the interests of uniformity it would seem desirable to take decisions on such matters in consultation with the Government of India. The reply sent to the Government of India to their letter at page 1 c.f. of flag (R) may be seen at page 7-8 c.f. of (R). It is for consideration whether it would be desirable to stop the issue of licences altogether from October,1949, about which time most of the licences issued to clubs would cease to be valid. In any case, there is plenty of time yet and even if the Government decide to stop the issue of licences from 1-10-49 onwards, it would appear unnecessary to tell them so soon that the licences are not likely to be renewed.

Sd... 15-12-48.

From the Board of Revenue reference 33422 Pro/48 x F3 dated 8-12-48.
From the Board of Revenue reference 33422 Pro/48 X F3 dated 19-12-48.

To A.S.

Please see the Board's references and enclosures at page 21 to 26 c.f.

2. The Board has submitted the peition from the Officer's club D.S. & A company Limited, Samalkot for reconsideration of the orders requesting to grant a club licence. The case of this club was considered along with some other clubs and as per orders of Hon'ble Minister (F.D() at page 4 ante the grant of a licence was refused. It is for orders whether these orders will be reconsidered now.

3. The Board has submitted the application from the Coconada club and has recommended the issue of a licence to the club as the membership of the club is predominantly European. The number of European members in the Club as reported by the Collector is 15. It is for orders whether a licence may be granted to this club as wa sdone in the case of the North wynad Club and the Tellicherry Club. Please see the notes and orders of H.M.(FD) on page 4 ante. The number as reported by the club is 13.

4. The file may be circulated to H.M.(FD) for orders on 'A' and 'B' above.

Sd...
1-1-49.

Since this is not purely an European Club the licence need not be granted.

Sd.... 7-1-48.

To A.S.

Please see the orders in circulation at the foot of page 9 ante and the further reference from the Board at page 22 28 cf.

It is presumed that the orders passed by H.M.(FD) are applicable to the proposals at 'A' and 'B' on page 9 ante. Subject to orders draft memo. is submitted for approval.

(In the circumstances stated in the Board's reference no action appeared necessary by Government. on the request of the Police Mess, Vellore for the renewal of their licence)

Sd.. 22-1-49.

(Issued as Memo. 59492 dated 4-8-6 dated 23-1-1949)

To A.S.

No further action is necessary in this file. It may be recorded as G.O.Ms. for future reference.

Can we not make a call against 1-9-1949 with reference to the note on page 8-9 above?

Sd.....
29-1-49.

G.O.Ms.No.255 dated 2-2-1949.

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